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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS Now that the North Dakota Chess Association is a reality, all we have to do is make it succeed! In that connection I am reminded ofthe remark of a friendly observer from Minnesota, who said to me during the tournament just concluded that ours was the fourth attempt to organize a state chess association in North Dakota. Whether or not his account was accurate is unimportant, since the act of organization is simple, but I do believe that we have our work cut out for us if we are to make NDCA grow and endure. That is the essential task, and the near future is the crucial time. NDCA is an infant, and it will die in infancy if we don't nurture and pamper it for several years to come. When I say 'we' I mean every one of you, together with the chess playing friends you bring into the organization and bring along with you to the next tournament. With your help we cannot fail, and without it we cannot succeed.

There are already a number of indications that we will not fail, and which prove to me that we enjoy widespread support. Examples: G.F. Red River H.S. Chess Club has volunteered to cooperate with Don Varvel in typing, producing, and mailing these quarterly newsletters. (b) New chess clubs are starting at UND and at high schools in Grafton and St. John, to join the eight existing school/college clubs in Fargo-Moorhead and Grand Forks. (Are there others? How about starting a few adult clubs?) (c) Two Fargo banks and two individuals have contributed a total of $75.00 to NDCA, along with best wishes for our future success. (The gifts from the two individuals were absolutely unsolicited. Does that give you any ideas?) I might add that Don Varvel would be buying the stamps for this newsletter out of his own pocket were it not for these gifts!

Other expressions of interest and support for NDCA have arrived in recent mail:

Dear Colonel Thompson,

The St. John Chess Club Team is eager to affiliate with the North Dakota Chess Association. We have recently organized and are sending along a copy of our constitution later. We would like information regarding the dates, times, and places of tournaments and matches if possible.

Thankyou for inviting us to join.

Sincerely,
s/Connie Roy
(Secretary, St. John H.S. Chess Cl

Dear Colonel Thompson:

Thankyou so very much for the fine chess tournament. It was well organiz and a lot of fun for all the chess enthusiasts who came. I am very sorry to have had to leave before the meeting to organize the North Dakota Chess Association. Eva and I had tickets for the play at the University and it didn't seem fair to her to miss it.

There was a little news item about the outcome of the tournament in the Grand Forks Herald. But nothing was said about the organization of the state chess association. Could you jot a sentence or two about that on the encloused postal card and drop it in the mail?

Thank you very much,
s/Elwyn B. Robinson
(425 Princeton ST., Grand Forks)

Gentlemen:

My friend Mr. Olev Kraav and I have recently played in the N. Dak. Open. For me it was my first tournament and I can say I enjoyed it very much and look for many more. Previously I had only played by mail, or in locally unrated tournaments.

I wish to express my hope that the NDCA gets off the ground as I will be renewing my USCF membership and hope to do so through the NDCA. I also wish to offer what ever service I can be to the organizatio

Attached please find a list of things I thnik we should try and accomplish for next year's tournament. Stating once more that I felt this year's was run very well considering the large turnout we had.

Yours truly,
s/Ronald R. Schauer
(103 10th Ave. NW, Mandan)

Among Ronald Schauer's suggestions for future tournaments are a larger playing area, a longer tournament to allow at least six games, the audience to be roped off from playing tables, and distribution of a code of ethics to govern play and maitain qiet.

What you can do to promote chess in your community? I think the biggest single contribution any one of you can make is to start a chess club in the local high or junior high school. This is one of the easiest and quickest ways to increase the number of chess players in North Dakota, or anywhere else for that matter. Start them young --- before they become involved with jobs and families. My experience has been that school principals welcome the establishment of a chess club (I know only of one exception) because chess is a stimulating intellectual activity, and it also encourages habits of perserverance, sportsmanship, attention to detail, and economical use of time and material. Many principa qill permit chess playing during school hours, even though card playing is prohibi I started a chess club at Fargo South High two years ago through one simple act: I spent $37.00 for a dozen chess sets and a dozen paper boards, and the natural fascination of the game did the rest. Before long the kids earned money to pay me back, and you saw the sets, still in use, at our tournament earlier this month. In addition to chess sets you need only a club advisor, to organize competition and to see that the kids learn and follow the laws of chess. If the principal can't appoint a faculty member you will have to do that job also, but take one word of caution: The kids will challenge you immediatly, and in no time at all they will begin to embarrass you over the board!

A next step for the chess promoter is to encourage his chess players to join NDCA, which carries with it membership in USCF and a subcription to Chess Life and Review. The fledgling chess player, whether 95 or 50, will increase his interest in the game as he reads the monthly magazine, participates in NDCA tournaments, and strives to improve his rating. The cost is low, and identical with USCF membership alone: $5000 for players under age 21 and $10.00 for those over 21. (NDCA, as an affiliate of USCF, is authorized to retain 20% of all membership dues and forwards the remaining 80% to USCF.) Any local club may request affiliation with NDCA by letter, agreeing (a) that all club members will pay their USCF dues through NDCA and (b) that the club will name one member to serve on the NDCA Board of Directors.

New Subject: Coming events! Don Varvel is working hard on a tournament for the first week-end in December. This should be the biggest congregation of chess players ever been in Grand Forks, and I will see you there. Our next effort will be the NDCA High School Championship on December 7 & 8. See the attached tournament announcements and please relay them to chess players in your area. Pass the word to those high and junior high kids, for the future of chess in the tri-state area. They don't have to be good-- just interested. Then we hope to stage a real Roughrider Open at NDSU in February. Watch Cess Life for an announcement on this one. In addition, there may be an open tournament at Concordia College in January. Dates are uncertain at this time. AMT.

VICE*PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: It appears now that this newsletter is really going to get out. Although I am officially the editor, others have done most of the work. Colonel Thompson has spent a small fortune on telephone calls. The Red River High School Chess Club here in Grand Forks is typing the masters and acting as publisher in general. I would like to extend special thanks for the gifts of money. Abe Thompson has assured me he was joking about my buying the stamps, but my wife is still suspicious.

We have formed a club in Grand Forks, that meets Saturday afternoons at the University Student Union Center in the Lakota Room. It is open to all. If you are in town, drop by. In some future issue I would like to print a directory of North Dakota clubs. Anyone with information should let me know.

Editor of a newsletter is a bully pulpit. Consider yourself warned. I have a project.

Prodigies seem toccur only in chess, mathematics and music. Has anyone heard of a child champion bridge player? How about a painter? Sculptor? Chemist? I suspect the explanation involves the number of areas of mental development involved, as well as stages of human development, both mental and physical. That' pretty vague. Can anyone help me make it more clear? What has been written on the subject? And does anyone know of a fair chess player eight years or younger in this area? I would be very interested in seeing a few simple psychological tests performed. We have competent people at UND; the tests would probably take no more than an hour or two, and a child would probably enjoy them. We harbor no Frankensteins.

There are things to be done in North Dakota. When was the last time a tournament was held in the western part of the state? Don't let it worry you that you don't have time. If we depended on poeple who have time, nothin would get done. We need the help of busy people. DAV.

Tournament Announcement

There will be a chess tournament at the University Center on the UND campus in Grand Forks. It will be in two sections and will be held on the first weekend in December.

OPEN December 2 & 3
5 round Swiss System, USCF rated. USCF membership required.
Entry fee; $8.00 adult, $5.00 student.
Prizes: $30 1st, $20 2nd, more if entries permit; if over 20 entries, $5.00 per ½ point over 3½. Class prizes if entries warrant. We don't intend to make a profit.
Register by 10 AM December 2. Every effort will be made to start the last round by 2 PM December 3.
A NSCA Exurban Event.

NOVICE December 2
5 round Swiss System, unrated. USCF membership not required.
Open to: Anyone who has never won either a USCF rated game or a novice tournament
Entry fee: $3.00 adult, $2.00 student.
Prizes: USCF memberships to top 10%, at least.
Trophies: 1st, 2nd, top H.S.
The novice will be played and completed on Saturday.
The directors of both tournaments will be Arthur Joy and Donald Varvel.
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ND Championship, Oct. 7&8. Both sections of this annual tournament were close and hard fought. Gary Kitts and Don Varvel finished with 4½ points each in the Open section, with the title going to Gary on tie-break. Khaja Aijazuddin won the Amateur championship with a perfect 5-0 score, followed by LeFave, Wanner, Sykes, and Sorenson at 4-1. Three different tie break systems failed to seperate Lefave and Wanner, so the two of them share 2nd place. The cross tables follow:

Open Section

	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Pts	S-B	Solk
1. Kitts	W33	W18	W11	W4	D3	4.5	14.0	
2. Varvel	D34	W23	W10	W21	W8	4.5	12.25	
3. Popel	W13	D10	W22	W6	D1	4.0	13.25	
4. Joy	W26	W25	W9	L1	W21	4.0	9.5	
5. Shannon	W41	L21	W17	W13	W15	4.0	9.0	11.5
6. Champaigne	W39	W28	W15	L3	W9	4.0	8.0	12.0
7. Gozum	W36	L9	W27	W24	W12	4.0	8.0	12.0
8. Sorenson	W19	W29	D21	W16	L2	3.5	9.75	
9. Sitter	W30	W7	L4	W11	L6	3.0	9.0	
10. Stowell	W20	D3	L2	W34	D17	3.0	8.0	
11. Werth	W14	W27	L1	L9	W32	3.0	7.0	14.5
12. Robinson	L15	W33	W32	W18	L7	3.0	7.0	14.0
13. Kraav	L3	W20	W28	L5	W29	3.0	7.0	13.0
14. Vikan	L11	L16	W23	W28	W30	3.0	6.5	
15. Hochhalter	W12	W40	L6	W26	L5	3.0	6.0	14.0
16. Larson	L25	W14	W36	L8	W26	3.0	6.0	11.5
17. McCune	D22	W34	L5	WF	D10	3.0	5.75	
18. Herr	W32	L1	W37	L12	W27	3.0	5.0	12.5
19. Nasset	L8	L24	W31	W37	W25	3.0	5.0	10.5
20. Swenson	L10	L13	W41	W36	W24	3.0	4.0	
21. Solheim	W37	W5	D8	L2	L4	3.0	6.75	
22. Grettum	D17	W35	L3	L30	W34	2.5	6.0	
23. Branthaver	D35	L2	L14	W41	W38	2.5	2.75	
24. Heuer	L27	W19	W25	L7	L20	2.5	5.0	
25. Hart	W16	L4	L24	L33	L19	2.0	4.0	
26. Grazulis	L4	W38	W30	L15	L16	2.0	3.0	13.0
27. Kitchen	W24	L11	L7	W38	L18	2.0	3.0	13.0
28. Olson	W28	L6	L13	L14	W30	2.0	3.0	13.0
29. Bruce	W31	L8	W40	-wtdrw-		2.0	3.0	6.5
30. Atwood	L9	Bye	L26	W22	L14	2.0	2.5	10.5
31. Burdeski	L29	L36	L19	W35	W40	2.0	2.5	8.5
32. Spitzer	L18	W39	L12	W40	L11	2.0	2.0	
33. Johnson	L1	L12	Bye	L25	W37	2.0	1.0	
34. Schauer	D2	L17	W35	L10	L22	1.55	3.75	
35. Obert	D23	L22	L34	L31	W36	1.5	2.25	
36. Fisher	L7	W31	L16	L20	L35	1.0	2.0	
37. Ross	L21	W41	L18	L19	L33	1.0	0.0	
38. Wilson	L28	L26	W39	L27	L23	1.0	0.0	
39. Hallock	L6	L32	L38	Bye	L28	1.0	0.0	
40. Reinecke	Bye	L15	L29	L32	L31	1.0	0.0	
41. Tollefson	L5	L37	L20	L23	Bye	1.0	0.0	

Amateur Section

	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Pts	S-B	Solk
1. Aijaauddin	W17	W34	W20	W10	W4	5		
2. LeFave	W7	L2	W23	W11	W10	4	11.5	15.5
3. Wanner	W27	W2	W22	L4	W9	4	11.5	15.5
4. Sykes	W29	W31	W11	W2	L1	4	10.0	
5. Sorenson	L21	W24	W26	W13	W14	4	9.0	
6. Levine	L10	W28	W17	W16	D7	3.5	9.75	
7. Magnuson	L2	W27	W31	W22	D6	3.5	6.75	12.5
8. Beckman	D19	L11	W30	W18	W21	3.5	6.75	11.0
9. Korsmo	W35	D18	W21	W19	L2	3.5	5.75	
10. Bergan	W6	W13	W14	L1	L2	3.0	9.5	
11. Dahm	W33	W8	L4	L2	W19	3.0	7.0	15.0
12. Cota	L30	W15	L16	W28	W29	3.0	7.0	11.0
13. Geiszler	W15	L10	W33	L5	W23	3.0	6.0	13.0
14. Wall	W28	W30	L10	W20	L5	3.0	6.0	12.0
15. Worner	L13	L12	W24	W27	W20	3.0	5.0	12.0
16. Russell	Bye	L22	W12	L6	W26	3.0	5.0	10.5
17. Allar	L1	W32	L6	W31	W22	3.0	4.0	
18. Hilleboe	W26	D9	L19	L8	W31	2.5	5.75	
19. Erickson	D8	W35	W18	L9	L11	2.5	4.25	
20. Peddicord	W23	W21	L1	L14	L15	2.0	4.00	17.0
21. Webster	W5	L20	L9	WF	L8	2.0	4.00	14.0
22. Cullen	W36	W16	L2	L7	L17	2.0	3.0	
23. Miller	L20	L25	L2	WF	L13	2.0	2.0	
24. Roel	L37	L5	L15	Bye	W32	2.0	1.0	9.0
25. Carvell	L31	L23	W32	--withdrew--		2.0	1.0	4.0
26. Dick	L18	W36	L5	W35	L16	2.0	0.0	
27. Eastin	L2	L7	W35	L15	LF	2.0	0.0	
28. Sundin	L14	L10	W36	L12	W35	2.0	0.0	
29. Jacobson	L4	L33	Bye	WF	L12	2.0	0.0	
30. Steffens	W12	L14	L8	--withdrew--		1.0	3.0	
31. Wipf, G.	W25	L4	L7	L17	L18	1.0	2.0	
32. Kersting	L34	L17	L25	WF	L24	1.0	0.0	
33. Wpf, C.	L11	W29	L13	--withdrew--		1.0		
34. Lewis	W32	L1	--withdrew--			1.0		
35. Gehrke	L9	L19	L27	L26	L28	0.0		
36. Johnston	L22	L26	L28	--withdrew--		0.0		

NORTH DAKOTA CHESS ASSOCIATION HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP

FARGO SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL
1840 - 15th Avenue South, Fargo, N.D. 58102

December 7 & 8, 1972

1. Registration - 6:30 P.M., Thursday, December 7, 1972.

2. Entry Fee - There will be no entry fee. However, each player will be required to join the US Chess Federation upon registration, unless he can present a USCF membership card. The cost is $5.00, which includes NDCA membership and a subscription to the national magazine, Chess Life and Review.

3. Pairings - Pairings will be made by the Swiss System, in which no player is ever eliminated. (See USCF Official Handbook for details.)

4. Rounds - There will be five rounds, on Thursday at 7:30 PM and on Friday at 8:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 2:00 PM, and 5:00 PM. Note: No tiebreak system will be used to determine a winner. If a tie for the lead exists after five rounds of play, a playoff will be scheduled to begin on Friday night or Saturday morning.

5. Trophies - Trophies will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams. Team scores will be computed by adding together the highest four scores from each school. Note: While a school may be represented by more or less than four players, a school with less than four players will compete at an obvious disadvantage.

6. Prize - There will be one prize, a $100.00 scholarship to the tournament winner, payable to any accredited college or university which he may attend.

7. Time Limit - Chess clocks will be used to the extent that they are available, and the time limit will be 50 moves in 90 minutes. Unfinished games may be adjudicated by the Tournament Committee after three hours of play.

8. Tournament Committee - All faculty advisors present will be invited to serve on the Tournament Committee.

9. Equipment - Bring chess sets (Staunton pattern) and chess clocks, if available.

10. Sleeping Rooms - The FSH Chess Club invites out-of-town players to be their overnight guests, provided that they register by mail before December 1st.

11. Rules - The Laws of Chess will be observed. Examples:
    a. If a player touches a piece, he must move it, providing that a legal move is available.
    b. If a player touches his opponent's piece, he must take it, providing that a legal capture is available.
    c. Once a player releases a piece, the move is final.
    d. If a player wishes to straighten his pieces, he will first say "I adjust", lest the "touch-move" rule be employed against him.
    e. Players will record their moves. If a player has not yet learned chess notation, he will still keep a record of the number of moves.
    f. No penalty will be made for an infraction of the laws unless a player reports the infraction to the Director.
    g. Games may be drawn by agreement between the players, by demand of one player when the same position has occurred three times, or by stalemate.

12. Questions - Call the Director (A. Thompson) at 232-0353 after 5:00 PM.

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